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REFERENCE TO MISSION 1112,

MILITARY ACTIVITY
TIRAN ISLAND, SAUDI ARABIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: IDENTIFICATION ON TIRAN ISLAND OF A NEW ISRAELI-TYPE AIRSTRIP AND OF A KISHON-CLASS UTILITY LANDING CRAFT (LCU) AT A BEACH NEARBY.
2. LOCATION: ON TIRAN ISLAND, SAUDI ARABIA, IN THE STRAIT OF TIRAN, 36.2 NM WEST OF ASH SHARMAH, SAUDI ARABIA AND 11 NM NE OF SHARM ASH SHAYKH MILITARY INSTALLATION IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED SINAI, AT 27-56-20N 034-35-20E.
3. REMARKS:

THE AIRSTRIP ON TIRAN ISLAND CORRESPONDS IN DESIGN AND SIZE TO FOUR LIAISON AIRSTRIPS BUILT IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED SINAI.

KISHON-CLASS UTILITY LANDING CRAFT (LCU) ARE BUILT BY KISHON SHIPYARD, ISRAEL TO ISRAELI NAVY SPECIFICATIONS. THE HULL IS CONSTRUCTED IN THREE SECTIONS TO FACILITATE OVERLAND TRANSPORT. A COMBINATION

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LANDING CRAFT AND MOTOR GUNBOAT, IT IS DESIGNED
FOR SMALL-SCALE LANDINGS AND FOR SUPPORT OF PT-
LAUNCHED RUBBER BOAT RAIDING MISSIONS.

4. NEGATION DATE:

THE AIRFIELD WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED]

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OBSERVED AT THE AIRFIELD, AND FOUR VEHICLES WERE
ON THE ISLAND.

5. MISSION READOUT:

THIS MISSION REVEALS A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OIL-BASE
AIRSTRIp WITH A [REDACTED] E/W RUNWAY WITH A
PARKING APRON AND A CONNECTING TAXIWAY. AN UNIMPROVED ROAD LEADS SOUTH-
EAST FROM THE AIRSTRIp 1.4 NM TO A BEACH ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND.
AT THE BEACH IS AN LCU OF THE KISHON CLASS, AND UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS WHICH
MAY BE TENTS.

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KISHON-CLASS LCU

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AIRFIELD
449M (1473') X 13M (43')

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